

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are presently pending. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 9-16 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claims 17-26 have been added.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Dated: July 6, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Stephen A. Soffen

Registration No.: 31,063

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN &  
OSHINSKY LLP

2101 L Street NW

Washington, DC 20037-1526

(202) 785-9700

Attorney for Applicant